GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA

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INCREASE IN SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES UNITS
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of units of small scale industries in the country has increased from the financial year 1998-99 to 2001-02;

(b) if so, the extent to which such units have increased;

(c) whether the number of persons working therein has also increased;

(d) if so, the estimated number of persons increased;

(e) whether the Government have given incentives to the industries providing more employment opportunities during the said period; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING,DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS` WELFARE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL,PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (d): The increase from the financial year 1998-99 to 2001- 2002 in the number of small scale industrial units in the country and in the number of persons working therein is estimated to be 3.84 lakhs and 20.65 lakhs respectively.

(e) & (f): While the development of small scale industries is primarily the responsibility of the State Government, the Central Government has been helping the States in their endeavour of developing these industries by implementing various schemes such as Prime Minister`s Rozgar Yojana, Integrated Infrastructure Development, Consultancy facilities and Service facilities for technological upgradation, entrepreneurship development etc. These schemes are applicable to the entire SSI sector including the industries providing more employment opportunities. A comprehensive policy package for the promotion and development of small scale industries and to enhance its competitiveness, both domestically and globally, was announced by the Prime Minister on 30th August, 2000. The policy package consists of enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure and marketing facilities and incentives for technology development.